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Dear Anonymous Requester:

This is in response to your request dated May 1, 2019, to INTERPOL Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for communications to or from 51 listed individuals and entities, and all agreements with 51 listed entities between January 1, 2017 and April 30, 2019.

We received your request on May 1, 2019. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence. On June 26, 2019, we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that your request was assigned to the complex track.

We have reviewed your correspondence and determined that in order to process your FOIA request, the submission of a complete requestor name is required. The FOIA provides that upon receipt of a reasonably described request, records can be made available to a "person." See 5 USC § 552 (a)(3)(A). Your anonymous request does not comport with this statutory requirement as implemented in the Department of Justice via 28 CFR Part 16, Subpart A, as no "person" is identified as submitting this request. As a result, this request has been administratively closed.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with INTERPOL Washington's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You may contact the INTERPOL Washington FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Our contact information is as follows: INTERPOL Washington, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530-0001, Attention: Office of General Counsel, Tel.: 202-616-0201, Email: Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Smith", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Kevin Smith
General Counsel